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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Oemig, Kline, Marr, Brown, Kauffman, Keiser, Pridemore, Kilmer, Franklin, Spanel and Jacobsen)

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to
6 Article VII, section 1 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

8 Article VII, section 1. The power of taxation shall never be
9 suspended, surrendered or contracted away. All taxes shall be uniform
10 upon the same class of property within the territorial limits of the
11 authority levying the tax and shall be levied and collected for public
12 purposes only. The word "property" as used herein shall mean and
13 include everything, whether tangible or intangible, subject to
14 ownership. All real estate shall constitute one class: Provided, That
15 the legislature may tax mines and mineral resources and lands devoted
16 to reforestation by either a yield tax or an ad valorem tax at such
17 rate as it may fix, or by both. Such property as the legislature may
18 by general laws provide shall be exempt from taxation. Property of the
19 United States and of the state, counties, school districts and other

1 municipal corporations, and credits secured by property actually taxed
2 in this state, not exceeding in value the value of such property, shall
3 be exempt from taxation. The legislature shall have power, by
4 appropriate legislation, to exempt personal property to the amount of
5 fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars for each head of a family liable
6 to assessment and taxation under the provisions of the laws of this
7 state of which the individual is the actual bona fide owner. The
8 legislature shall have the power, by appropriate legislation, to
9 provide a homestead exemption from the property taxes levied for state
10 purposes of up to seventy-five thousand dollars of valuation of
11 residential real property. The legislature may place such restrictions
12 and conditions upon the granting of the homestead exemption as it shall
13 deem proper.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
15 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four
16 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
17 newspaper in the state.

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